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Notice to Applicant

1. This communication is in response to the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review filed 16 June 2010. Claims 39-75 remain pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The rejection of claims 39-75 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph is hereby withdrawn due to the persuasive arguments detailed in the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review filed 16 June 2010.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Natalie A. Pass whose telephone number is (571) 272-6774.
4. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry O'Connor can be reached on (571) 272-6787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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